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The Prez Sez

Wow, I guess this will be my last "Prez Sez" for the year. It is hard to believe it has been a year since the last elections. I apologize for not getting my piece in here every month. That was one of my goals that I am afraid I didn't quite make. On the other hand, I think the club has had a very successful year with our swapfest, Field Day, picnic, fox hunts and other activities. It is all because of the members that this happens.

One of our club members told me that he believes the real strength of this club is the diversity we show. We have members interested in just about all aspects of Ham Radio and that certainly makes it enjoyable to come to meetings to find out what others are up to. Please remember that and invite your friends, even your non-Ham friends, to come to meetings. Who knows, they may find something new to enjoy.

Election of officers is coming up at the October meeting. The current board of directors is the nominating committee for the upcoming elections and we have a full slate of officers to run. This does not mean that you can't run if you would like. There is always time for nominations from the floor and they are always welcome. Please come and make your voice heard.

We are having a program after the elections this year so please come to listen to that as well.

I want to thank everyone for your support this past year. No one can do this job alone. Every

time I have asked for help someone has stepped forward to give a hand. I certainly appreciate that. I especially want to thank the board members who have served the club so well and are taking a well-deserved rest. I am certain that members will continue to support this great club and the new officers that are elected.

73,
Rick
KØSU

Pictures from the Picnic



See more pictures starting on page 9.

Although I was unable to attend, it is apparent that the weather was superb, the views were great, and per the reports I heard, the food and socializing couldn't be beat! If you missed it this year, there's always the Christmas Party (Dec. 9th) and Field Day and picnic next year. Thanks, Su, for the fine job orchestrating it!

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* In final year of 2-year term.

PPRAA Meeting Information

The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association meets monthly at 7 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the El Paso County Health Department Auditorium, 305 S. Union Blvd, downstairs at the apex of the two buildings. For a map, please visit our web site at <http://www.qsl.net/ppraa/> or contact any of the board members for more information.

Amateur Radio License Exam Information

The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association Volunteer Examiner (VE) team holds testing sessions every other month, in even-numbered months. They're held on the 2nd Saturday of these months at 9 AM, at the Colorado Technical University, 4435 North Chestnut (just west of I-25 and just south of Garden of the Gods Rd.). Exam fee is \$14.00 for 1, 2, 3, or all 4 elements at a session. Checks should be payable to ARRL/VEC. For further details and for a list of what to bring, contact Erik Mugele KGØXE or Dennis Major NØABC, or visit the PPRAA web site.

PPRAA Simplex Net

Don't forget about the PPRAA Simplex Net on Thursday nights at 7 pm! Jim Harris ABØUK and Pat Kelly KCØMIR have been doing a bang-up job in keeping the net going from week to week. Join everyone for a good time, find out the latest, test out your ability to copy other stations via simplex, and listen to the ARRL Audio News! The frequency is 146.58 MHz simplex and the backup frequency is 146.55 MHz, in case the primary frequency is busy.

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The PPRAA is a federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and welcomes all contributions. Your contributions or donations may be tax-deductible.

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PPRAA Web Site and E-Mail Reflector

PPRAA web site is at <http://www.qsl.net/ppraa/>, which is maintained by Doug Nielsen, N7LEM. Thanks, Doug! Stay on top of new or short-fused developments by subscribing to our e-mail reflector: <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/ppraanet>. Thanks to John Wishart, KCØJFH for maintaining the reflector!

Upcoming Club Programs

October: Annual Board Elections plus Connie Chavez from E911.

November: Bob Witte, RF test equipment. He'll have equipment to check radios at the meeting.

Deadline for Next Ø-Beat Articles

The deadline for the November 2005 Ø-Beat is October 29th. Send all submissions to the editor via e-mail, US Mail, telephone or in person.

Please feel free to submit an article – we're always looking for fresh content!

Club Meeting Minutes

PPRAA
Club Meeting Minutes
14 September 2005

President Rick Brown KØSU called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the El Paso County Health Department Auditorium.

Silent Keys: none.

Jeff KØRM/Mike KØMLA moved/seconded that the August meeting minutes be approved as printed in the Ø Beat. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - Kate WB9BAH

Current balances:

\$7314.78 checking

\$2677.94 savings

\$2852.85 Wells Fargo

An audit will be conducted before next meeting as Kate is moving.

Committee Reports

Field Day - Dan KBØPPM is looking for other activities that can be done during Field Day to increase family participation.

Swapfest – Rick Brown has volunteered to be swapfest chairman. Tentative date is the 2nd Sat. in July at LPHS.

Tech Ed – Mike WV7T – technician license classes are starting 17 Oct. Please contact Mike for more information. General license classes are also being considered. Mike can get the license books at a discount from ARRL. Frank Skinner KA4JQZ is also starting a Tech class in January.

VE – Dennis NØABC

Next VE test session is 8 Oct at Colorado Technological University.

Awards Manager – Rick KØSU – checked two 6-meter VUCC sets.

ARRL Section Manager - Jeff Ryan KØRM – talked about the DXpedition in February to Peter I Island off Antarctica. The participants need to raise money for the trip. In particular, local ham Don Dubon N6JRL needs to raise \$7-10K for his transportation. He has T-shirts for sale \$10 each. Doc/Jeff moved/seconded that the club donate \$1000 to Don Dubon N6JRL for his DXpedition to Peter I island. Passed.

CCARC – Dave WA6IFI – Colorado Springs is the location of the next meeting to be held Oct 29, 1 PM, at the Falcon Police Station. Su KCØPRN volunteered to assist with the arrangements for this meeting.

RACES – Doc WØMCT – at the November meeting, there will be a critique of the EOC new location activation in view of the recent emergency in New Orleans.

Fox hunt - Mike - Sept 24 1PM, starting location is TBD. See the Reflector for info.

Kate WB9BAH is missing her RV propane tank from Field Day two years ago. If you know where it is, please contact her.

Jim KBØUK – says thanks to all 16 people who helped him with erecting his tower and antenna. The PPRAA simplex net is held every Thursday at 7 PM 146.58 MHz.

Zero Beat - Dennis NØABC – needs a person to take over the editorship of the newsletter.

Jamboree on The Air (JOTA) – Dan KBØPPM is working on next year's event. He requests volunteers to assist with this event.

Mike WV7T – having a "Make Room for Rhoda" sale. Many items will be for sale at his home one week from this coming Saturday.

Elections – Rick KØSU – will be held next month. Please consider running for a board or officer position. Contact board member or officer if you are interested.

Dave NØEOP -- Colorado Springs Disaster Recovery Center needs volunteers. He will post info on reflector about this.

Mike WV7T nominated Su Goguen KCØPRN to fill the Al Penney's vacant board position. Su was elected to fill the vacant board member position until the upcoming election.

Hammy Award – Doc WØMCT presented the Hammy to Christopher Taylor NC6T for his service to the club.

Program – Rob Roller N7LV, ARES Section Emergency Coordinator, spoke about emergency operations after Hurricane Katrina.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM, El Paso County Health Department Auditorium, 305 S. Union Blvd., CS, CO.

Submitted by John Wishart KCØJFH, Secretary.
Date: 26 September 2005

Board Meeting Minutes

PPRAA
Board Meeting Minutes
19 September 2005

President Rick Brown KØSU called the meeting to order at 7 PM at John Wishart's home.

Attendees: Rick Brown KØSU, Dennis Major NØABC, Christopher Taylor NC6T, and John Wishart KCØJFH

Election Nominations

President – Christopher Taylor NC6T

VP – Michael Allison KØMLA

Secretary – John Wishart KCØJFH

Treasurer – Jim Harris ABØUK

Board member 1 – Rick Brown KØSU (serving 2nd year on board as past president – no vote required)

Board member 2 – Su Goguen KCØPRN
Board member 3 – Paul Moraine NØPWM
(need to confirm his willingness to run)

Donations

The question was raised concerning support for the club members that participated in Hurricane Katrina relief operations (ARES Disaster Response Team). We want to provide monetary support, but need further information about how much is needed.

Christmas Party

The Springs City Church, 1250 Vondelpark Dr., has again been secured for this event. The date will be the 9th or 16th of December, with the 9th being preferred. We normally donate \$100 to the church for this event.

Swapfest

We still have not received a bill for the use of the LPHS gym and table rental. Rick will check on this with the school.

CCARC

We need to select a person for the club liaison to CCARC.

Dennis

He needs to be reimbursed for printer ribbons and stamps (total \$48.14). He will restore Jess Miley's ad in the Ø Beat (it had been omitted in error). If possible, he would like to utilize the new conference facility available at The Remodeler on Hancock north of Fillmore for VE sessions, swapfest meetings, and board meetings. He will check availability of the room.

Christopher

He will be reprinting the club publicity sheet. He will send a PDF file to Doug for inclusion in the club web pages. We suggested a possible layout change to an 11x17 format to allow a larger font to be used.

Our October program speaker will be Connie Chavez from E911, the organization that

provides El Paso county's 911 services.

Elections will also be held.

For November, Bob Witte will be talking about RF test equipment and will have equipment to check radios.

John

He inquired about the status of the projector purchase. It is currently on hold since Pat has been out of town. Dennis will inquire with his A/V source about what might be the best projector for our purposes.

Next board meeting is Monday, October 17, 7 PM, location TBD.

Rick adjourned the meeting at 8 PM.

Submitted by John Wishart KCØJFH, Secretary.
Date: 26 September 2005

DX-pedition Feedback from Don N6JRL



Members of the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association:

Recently, Dave Novotny, WA6IFI and Jeff Ryan, KØRM attended one of your club meetings and gave you an overview of the 2006

Peter I Island DX-Pedition scheduled to take place in late January, early February 2006.

Being one of the most expensive DX-Peditions in history and number 1 on the DX entities list it became necessary for me to raise the funds for my trip by asking for donations and selling T-shirts.

With your generous donation of \$1,000. I am achieving my goal of the required \$16,000. that each team member must contribute. Seventy percent of the cost of this adventure is paid by the team members.

While living in Colorado in the past, I myself was a member of your great club and still have my Yellow Jacket with the PPRAA patch which I will proudly wear in Antarctica and proclaim your support.

I will operate both SSB and CW on or near the published frequencies on the website www.peterone.com and hope to work everyone in the PPRAA that I am able—and also hope to deliver your QSL's personally as I travel to Colorado Springs and give your club a personal post expedition presentation next Spring. Once again, thank you all so very much for your very generous contribution and I will see you all at a future meeting.

Good DX and best 73,
Don DuBon, N6JRL/3YØX

El Paso County RACES Activities



<http://www.qsl.net/epcraces/>

RACES will have its regular monthly meeting on 10/20/05. at 101 W. Costilla, at 7 PM. We will get a detailed report and ask questions about the DRT trip to the Louisiana area. And, we will discuss plans for frequency tests for El Paso County.

Of course, we want to wish Jeff Ryan well in his new job and thank him for all his help to RACES during the last 14 years.

Tnx - Doc

Pikes Peak ARES



<http://www.ppares.org/>
Disaster Response Team Base Camp,
Covington, Louisiana.

Although this was a DRT response to attempt to provide communications in the Hurricane Katrina affected area, we were pretty much behind the cell phone companies efforts to "be the first" to restore telephone service to the area. We firmly believe that had we been allowed to deploy to a staging area, amateur radio communications that we could have provided would have been used in a more timely fashion.

This well prepared group was ready to provide VHF/UHF/HF communications with their own equipment under less than ideal conditions. Heat and humidity was running parallel in the 90s at times, Red Cross shelters were already in existence, local Emergency Operation Centers were well established and our main mission turned out to be relief operations to exhausted local amateur radio operators. This group of individuals actually set up in Covington, LA, Gulf Port, MS, Ocean Springs, MS, Slidell, LA and Pearl River, LA. It was like being in a highly tactical military environment setting up in a different location practically on a daily basis.

WinLink, and HF protocol, were used to maintain contact with the Colorado support group, (read friends and families). It was found

to be a highly reliable method of handling traffic. Voice was over 2 meters frequencies, and the portable repeater was highly instrumental for a couple of days in the Ocean Springs, Mississippi area of operations.

Six members of DRT responded to the Gulf Coast area of Louisiana and Mississippi as well as crossing the Lake Pontchartrain causeway into New Orleans. Those that were able to deploy were Wes Wilson, KØHBZ, Mike Allen, NØMIK, Pat Kelly, KCØMIR, Tom Dawson, KCØNRZ, Paul Garvey, KØBLM and myself, Dean Haskins, KAØPII. Thanks to Pat Kelly, KCØMIR, we enjoyed a Dominos Pizza dinner rinsed down with a Rocky Mountain Coors provided by Paul Garvey, KØBLM, while we anxiously awaited word about a real mission in New Orleans itself. That mission never materialized.

So, with lots of miles, a few hours of actual ham operation and some great one on one stories of helping a few folks, we returned to Colorado disappointed but knowing that we could have done any mission that was thrown at us.

Strangely enough, Sid White, K4ARM, held the fort while Mike Allen and I were gone and was able to provide leadership needed to help the local Red Cross Chapter prepare for the arrival of hurricane evacuees during our deployment. This only goes to show the District 14 can handle multiple missions at the drop of a hat. My thanks to all who were able to participate.

Dean KAØPII
D-14 EC

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Upcoming Amateur Radio Events

Oct. 17 - PPRAA Changing of the Board meeting – 7:00 PM at The Remodeler, 3205 N. Hancock Avenue (2 blocks north of Fillmore).

Dec. 9 - PPRAA Christmas Party – Springs City Church. More info to come.

Oct. 29 – CMRG annual meeting, 10:00 AM, CSPD Falcon Div. Substation, 7850 Goddard Street, near Chapel Hills Mall.

Upcoming Technician Class Class (Class??)

Technician Class license course
Maximum of 6 students
Class start date: 17 October 2005

Monday nights 7-9 PM
5 weeks for 2 hours per night
2 chapters covered each session
Each instructor covers a separate chapter
Students must sign up in advance with Mike WV7T
Students must purchase their own book before class starts.
Books can be ordered through WV7T who gets 25% off license books at ARRL.
Location: Home of Mike WV7T (Near I-25 and Fillmore, exit 145)

Instructors:
KCØUSF Marshall Tuttle
ABØUK Jim
N7LV Rob
WV7T Mike

POC Mike WV7T
229-8610

September Foxhunt

The September PPRAA Foxhunt was held on the 24th of the month. There were three teams competing in this month's foxhunt:

NØUVR - Dave
ABØUK - Jim
KØLOB (and help) - Jim Gifford

The original hiding location was inside Monument Valley Park, but the hider (KØMLA) was convinced to hide the fox at the home of WV7T who was having the most unusual yard sale known to man. The hunters were told that in order to finish the hunt, they were to find the transmitter and not the antenna. This rule was added because the fox was attached to a 2m Ringo Ranger!

This was a standard foxhunt with the first person to locate the transmitter being declared the winner! The teams arrived at the final destination after about 2.5 hours, to begin "sniffing" around.

The final results were:

1st place - Jim, ABØUK
2nd place - Jim, KØLOB
3rd place - Dave, NØUVR

Congratulations to Jim and we look forward to Jim setting up the October hunt!

73

Mike, KØMLA and Susan, KCØSYA



Mike KØMLA, Jim KØLOB, Dave NØUVR, Jim ABØUK, and of course, "Foxey" out in front.

Jim, ABØUK was the winner. The Fox was hidden at the home of Mike, WV7T, who was having a yard sale at the time.

KØRM Moving On

I have accepted a job with Level 3 Communications in Broomfield, CO and plan on moving up to that neck of the woods in mid-October. As I will still be in Colorado, I will continue as the ARRL Colorado Section Manager. I'm still working on a new physical address, but my email address will remain k0rm@arrl.net so keep in touch!

73,

Jeff, KØRM

A Little Ham Humor

Bubba and Earl, two really dumb redneck Hams from Kentucky, were in a local Wal-Mart store looking for Ham gear. Upon not finding any, they decided to look around a bit. They stumbled upon a weekly charity raffle. They bought five tickets each at a dollar a pop. The following week, when the raffle was drawn, each learned that he had won a prize. Earl won 1st place, a year's supply of gourmet spaghetti sauce and extra-long spaghetti. Bubba won 6th prize, a toilet brush. About a week or so had passed and the men met back at Wal-Mart,

again, looking for Ham Radio goodies. Bubba asked Earl how he liked his prize, to which Earl replied, "Great, I love spaghetti, but it sure is hard to solder and keep up in the air!" Earl asked Bubba, "How about you? How's the toilet brush?" "Not so good," replied Bubba. "I reckon I'm gonna go back to paper."

Membership Report

No noteworthy changes this month



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Name: _____			Field Day <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: _____			Demonstrations <input type="checkbox"/>
			Nets or round tables <input type="checkbox"/>
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____			Organize activities <input type="checkbox"/>
			Teach ham classes <input type="checkbox"/>
Call: _____ Class: N T + G A E	Phone: _____		Full Member \$15: <input type="checkbox"/>
Mbr of ARRL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	E-mail: _____		Family Membership \$18: <input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Family Members to Join/Renew:			Over 65 \$10: <input type="checkbox"/>
			Over 65 Family \$12: <input type="checkbox"/>
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New and renewing members must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer. Please Type or Print Clearly!			

ALL NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND RENEWALS WILL BE PRORATED TO EXPIRE IN DECEMBER!!

OK –

It's like this. We really need more articles for the Ø-Beat.

If there were more articles, I wouldn't be putting this note here to fill space. Think about it: are you trying any new operating modes lately? Why not write an article about it? We'd love to learn about something new! And, I'm still looking for someone to take over the duties of Ø-Beat editor. Please feel free to ask me about it at the meeting on Wednesday, October 12th.

73

Dennis

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